



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting

Dec 7, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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| <u>Trustees:</u> | Julia Alleyne, Arnie Hochman, Helen Huang, Barry Pervin, Nicole Thomson, Rick Volpe |
| <u>Staff:</u> | Michael O’Keefe, Supervisory Office; Sarah Nauman, Principal; Robin White, Vice- Principal; Terry Jakobsmeier |
| <u>Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital:</u> | Stewart Wong |
| <u>Guests:</u> | |
| <u>Regrets:</u> | Kevin Collins |
| <u>Recorder:</u> | Karen Arevalo |
| <u>Presiding:</u> | Nicole Thomson, Chair |
| <u>Location:</u> | ZOOM |

1. CALL TO ORDER

N. Thomson called the meeting to order at **6:02 PM**

Presentation/ Land Acknowledgement

N. Thomson, presented a Land Acknowledgement.

S. Nauman, also shared the Land Acknowledgement we do at our school.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL

2.1 Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of Dec 7, 2021

MOTION: Pervin/Hochman

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Public Meeting of Dec 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

2.2 Approval of the Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Public Meeting of Sept 28, 2021.

MOTION: Huang/Volpe

THAT the Minutes for the Board of Trustee Regular Public Meeting of Sept 28, 2021 be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

3. TRUSTEE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. UPDATES

5.1 HOLLAND BLOORVIEW (S. Wong)

S. Wong highlighted a few items from the report in the agenda package. Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (Holland Bloorview) was provided with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education to lead the development of a disability education resource in English and French for Kindergarten–Grade 12 educators and other school board staff across the province of Ontario. In response, Holland Bloorview, together with Bloorview School Authority, has created a series of modules that will expand on existing knowledge about accessibility, inclusion, and how to ensure that students with disabilities experience full participation in school settings. The modules will be released publicly in the coming weeks.

S. Wong shared with the Board Members that there have been children’s vaccine clinics at Holland Bloorview. In partnership with Toronto Public Health. they are open to the community and they target children with disabilities and their siblings. The Hospital and Bloorview School have partnered to promote the clinics.

5.2 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (S. Nauman)

S. Nauman informed the Board Members that staff had the opportunity to collaborate with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital on the creation of a disability awareness resource, which will be shared with educators across the province. Rose Monacelli helped create content for one of the modules, Rabia Khan is the narrator for all of the English modules and Bayan Yammout is the narrator for all of the French modules. This project will be highlighted by the Ministry of Education at the CEC conference in December.

S. Nauman informed the Board Members that BSA is currently accepting applications for admission for our 2022/2023 school year. Information, application forms and webinars for prospective families and referring sources can be found on the [Bloorview School Website](#).

S. Nauman shared with the Board Members that students have now all had the opportunity to meet with Elder Dr. Robert Phillips. He has shared stories and songs with our students and taught them how to use his drum. Staff and students look forward to building our ongoing relationship with Elder Bob in the months ahead. Pictures are available on our [Arts and Phys-ed website](#) Staff have researched and adapted our Land Acknowledgement and Elder Bob thought what the staff has come up with is very appropriate for young children.

S. Nauman advised that our first covid-19 positive case for 2021/22 has been reported. Involved Students were sent home to isolate. A difference this year is that staff are not sent home, as all are fully vaccinated.

S. Nauman shared with the Board Members that parents now have an additional way to access COVID screening. BSA has partnered with Sick Kids to provide the Saliva Kit PCR tests. Test kits are onsite to give to parents and staff for use with anyone in their households who are experiencing symptoms. Kits are returned to the school (or other drop off locations) and a courier comes from Sick Kids daily to pick them up.

S. Nauman also shared with the Board Members that two vaccination clinics are scheduled for our student's onsite – December 10 and 17th. Families will be able to sign up for a time and siblings are welcome. Bloorview and HBKRH advocated together to Toronto Public Health to make this happen.

Finally, our first virtual awards assembly was held on this day and the Winter Concert will be taking place on December 17 at 1:30 PM.

Discussion ensued.

5.3 SUPERVISORY OFFICER'S REPORT (M. O'Keefe)

M. O'Keefe shared with the Board Members that the Ministry of Education continues their regular teleconferences with Directors of Education (every second Thursday morning). The Minister has now resumed his calls on Mondays with Chairs and Directors.

M. O'Keefe emphasized the topic on the proposed school year calendar for 2022-23 must be submitted by March 1, 2022. This is earlier than in the past. The school year template has been received from the Ministry. It has been shared with CUPE.

Discussion ensued.

6. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Committee reports/matters

(1) Policy Committee – Board Report regarding Policies reviewed

N. Thomson shared that the Policy Committee had a discussion in regards on the SHSM policies and aside from some minor editing all were accepted by the committee.

(2) Governance and Nomination Committee– Verbal report

A. Hochman reported that a minor change was suggested for procedure GOV #12 regarding approval of trustee expenditures. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee. The committee is reviewing the by-laws and, when completed, the draft will be sent to external counsel.

(3) Finance and Audit Committee – Board Report regarding Audit Statements

The Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed the Financial Statement and the Audit Findings Report and the committee recommends acceptance by the board of trustees.

MOTION: Huang/Volpe

THAT the 2020/21 Financial Statement and Audit Findings Report, prepared by the board’s auditors, be approved as presented.

-MOTION CARRIED-

(4) Bursary Committee – No report

6.2 Items for Discussion

(1) Board report – Ethics Review Board

M. O’Keefe presented the report to the Board of Trustees.

Discussion occurred amongst Board of Trustees regarding who Bloorview should partnership with in terms of a Research Ethics Board.

A suggestion was made to explore the possibility of utilizing the resources at the University of Toronto Research Ethics Board. Staff recommend use of the HBKRH board as they are familiar with our students

Once formal agreements are in place, the HB Research Ethics Board acts as the board of record for the Bloorview School Authority for any research involving human participants that is conducted at BSA or by persons connected to BSA

The trustees agreed that the next step would be to form an ad hoc committee to explore options.

B. Pervin, N. Thomson, M. O’Keefe and S. Nauman volunteered to serve on this committee.

HBKRH will received an invitation to participate in the deliberations of the HOC Committee.

(2) Matters suggested for discussion by the Governance and Audit Committee

a) Electronic vs in-person meetings (sec 18)

Trustees prefer an option that allows for maximum flexibility option

b) Hospital representation at Board meetings (Sec 6.13)

Trustees wish to maintain the present procedure

c) The date/time of the Inaugural meeting (Sec 1.01)

The date and time should be as flexible as possible within the parameters of the Education Act.

- d) **The use of the term “ensure” as illogical and an impossible level of responsibility (various places in the by-laws)**
Remove word “ensure” and replace it with more appropriate terminology.
- e) **The use of the term “ultimate legal responsibility” (Sec 5.01)**
Remove words “ultimate legal responsibility” and replace with more appropriate terminology.
- f) **Diversity of Board Membership**
Discussion occurred among Board members that diversity among trustees should be a high priority.

7. TRUSTEE ENQUIRIES - none

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a) **Action After Board (Sept 2021)**
- b) **Debrief Retreat**
N. Thomson opened the floor for discussion amongst the Board of Trustees.

9. CORRESPONDENCE- None

10. IN CAMERA

- The In-Camera Meeting was called to order at 7:53 PM
- The Board returned from In-Camera at 8:41 PM

11. PENDING ITEMS - None

12. MOTIONS/ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN-CAMERA - No motions brought forward from In-camera

13. NEXT MEETING - February 8, 2021

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Huang/ Hochman

THAT the Public Meeting be adjourned at **8:42 PM**

-MOTION CARRIED